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Norfolk Man Sentenced for Drug Dealing and Supervised Release Violation

(Norfolk, VA) - Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Donnell Sean Wiggins, age 27, of Norfolk, Virginia, was sentenced on June 19, 2006, in U.S. District Court in Norfolk to 216 months in federal prison for his conviction upon a plea of guilty to possessing five grams or more of crack cocaine. Today, Wiggins was sentenced to an additional, consecutive, 24 months in prison for his violations of the terms of his supervised release.

On August 16, 2005, a Norfolk Police Department narcotics investigator was at a Burger King in the 1000 block of Tidewater Drive when he observed a drug transaction between Wiggins and another man in a vehicle in the parking lot. The officer called for uniformed back-up. After a traffic stop, the officers recovered from Wiggins 18.8 grams of crack, 2.4 grams of cocaine, small amounts of methamphetamine, MDA, and MDMA, and marihuana, all packaged for distribution. Owing to his prior convictions, Wiggins received an enhanced sentence as a career offender. Since he was on supervised release from an earlier federal conviction involving drugs and firearms, he received the additional time for violations of the terms of that release.

The case was prosecuted under Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)/EXILE, a federal program that uses a joint federal and state multi-agency approach to targeting armed criminals for prosecution in federal court for possession or use of firearms in violation of federal laws. It is a nationwide effort by the U.S. Department of Justice aimed at reducing violent crimes. Most firearms cases involve or are related to drug trafficking. Since its inception in Hampton Roads in late 1997, Project PSN/EXILE has produced more than 1128 convictions and removed more than 1902 firearms from armed criminals.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James A. Metcalfe.

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